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The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mrs. MORELLA].

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

With gratitude and praise, with awe and wonder, we offer our thanks for the opportunities of this day. In spite of all that should be done or must be accomplished and with all the anxieties of a busy world, we interrupt all our concerns to thank You, O gracious God, for the myriad blessings that You have freely given. The failures and the successes of yesterday are gone and tomorrow is not yet here, so in sincere appreciation we express these words of thanksgiving to You, our Creator and our God. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MORELLA). The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Mississippi [Mr. MONTGOMERY] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MONTGOMERY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1718. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 197 South Main Street in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, as the "Max Rosenn United States Courthouse."

A message also announced that the Senate had passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 2196. An act to amend the Stevenson-Wylder Technology Innovation Act of 1980 with respect to inventions made under cooperative research and development agreements, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed bills of the following titles, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1510. An act to designate the United States Courthouse in Washington, District of Columbia, as the "E. Barrett Prettyman United States Courthouse", and for other purposes; and

S. 1518. An act to eliminate the Board of Tea Experts by prohibiting funding for the Board and by repealing the Tea Importation Act of 1897.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO REPRESENT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AT CEREMONIES FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it shall be in order for the Speaker to appoint two Members of the House, one upon the recommendation of the minority leader, to represent the House of Representatives at appropriate ceremonies for the observance of George Washington's birthday to be held on Thursday, February 22, 1996.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Mississippi?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of today, the Chair appoints the following Mem-

bers to represent the House of Representatives at appropriate ceremonies for the observance of George Washington's birthday to be held on Thursday, February 22, 1996: Mr. DAVIS of Virginia and Mr. MORAN of Virginia.

REAPPOINTMENT AS MEMBER OF COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of section 2(b) of Public Law 98-183, and the order of the House of Thursday, February 1, 1996, authorizing the Speaker and the minority leader to appoint commissions, boards, and committees authorized by law or by the House, the Speaker reappoints Mr. Carl A. Anderson of Arlington, VA, to the Commission on Civil Rights for a 6-year term beginning on February 12, 1996. The current term expires on February 11, 1996.

CONGRATULATING HON. CONSTANCE MORELLA AS FIRST FEMALE MEMBER SWORN IN AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

(Mr. MONTGOMERY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Madam Speaker, congratulations on being the Speaker pro tempore. I believe you would probably be the first woman to have that position, and I congratulate you.

I had the privilege of acting as Speaker when Mr. Foley was Speaker, and I was sworn in by the gentleman from Texas [Mr. COLEMAN]; and as I understand it, the gentlewoman was sworn in by the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. DAVIS].

So congratulations. It is a nice honor.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks her distinguished colleague, the gentleman from Mississippi, Congressman MONTGOMERY,

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